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KAEA AND THE STRAIGHT TICKET.

What comes of straight-ticket despotism may be seen in the predicament caused by George Kaea, a professional gambler, who is on the Fifth District Republican card for Representative.

Kaea is a confessed law-breaker. He has a trail in the police court as crooked and slimy as that of a snake in the mud. There are fourteen charges against him in the police records. Arrested over and over again and fined, he now appears as a Republican nominee for legislative honors. Having for years been a law-breaker, he wants to become a law-maker, and, being on the straight ticket, he is protected from the ostracism of decent colleagues by the rules of the party, which were framed to prevent independent action in Republican local politics. Men of high character among the party nominees and on the ticket must accept him, and, if they consider the rules binding, must vote for him. As his nomination papers are filed, he can not be driven from the running, but the Territorial and County committees, save for the straight-ticket propaganda, could publicly repudiate Kaea and wash their hands of responsibility for him. As things stand, they must take him along with the other nominees who are to address the people and let him make his personal appeal from a Republican platform.

There is no official party corrective for this scandal. The only recourse is in independent voting, and such an emergency justifies the method. When an oath-bound party organization ties itself up to bad men or bad measures, the knot can only be cut by the free men at the ballot boxes.

THE TROUBLE IN THE BALKANS.

The people of the Balkan mountains are the hotspots of Eastern Europe, and but for the supervision of the powers would be as busy at the trade of arms as the Central American republics were before the United States raised its flag on the isthmus. It is like Serbia and like Bulgaria to threaten Austria and Turkey with war, although either power could overrun them as easily as Germany did Silesia in 1866 or as Turkey did Thessaly twelve years ago. All the Balkan States put together would be but a mouthful for Austria-Hungary; but being mountain countries their inhabitants are proud and reckless. There is hardly a mountain race which does not swell with the thought of invincibility. Menelik and his Abyssinians; Castro and his half-Spanish, half-Indian hill tribes; the indomitable Swiss; the Tartars on their high plateaus; the Andeanians of the Andes—all these believe themselves to be unconquerable; and, so believing, they take long chances with fate.

The action of Bulgaria and the threat of Serbia are challenges to England, France, Italy, Germany, Russia, and Austria-Hungary, who, however, at odds over other matters of policy, are united in their determination to maintain the status quo in the Balkans as laid down by the Congress of Berlin. The united wisdom of Beaconsfield, Bismarck, Andrassy and Gortschakoff were applied to the situation as the close of the Turco-Russian war had left it, and the present compact is the result. It is a settlement which has done the maximum of good with the minimum of harm. As a means of order and justice it has proved its worth; and it has kept the peace of the mountains for nearly three decades.

There may be armed conflict now, but it can end only one way. The mountaineers will be brought up short, and the political geography of the Balkan States left unchanged. Perhaps, with the emancipation of the Turks and their better form of government, the border provinces at odds with her will find it to their advantage to accept and enjoy their rights under the Ottoman constitution.

THE MATSON ENTERPRISES.

Captain Matson's plans do not go so far as we had hoped in their relation to Puget Sound trade; but they promise a beginning which will help the tourist business and interest the Pacific Northwest in this market.

The promise to put a fine passenger boat on the ferry between Honolulu and San Francisco is a welcome one. Assuming that the Oceanic liner Alameda will stay on the route, the problem which has chiefly vexed tourists, that of getting away from here when their visits are over, will be simplified. There ought to be business enough, especially after the naval development takes form, to employ both steamers, and possibly a third one.

Captain Matson is a man of enterprise who has done much for the commerce of these Islands and is preparing to do more. The vote of thanks given him yesterday will find a hearty second in public opinion. That his personal interests are here and his fortune bound up in the future of Hawaii is a circumstance which counts for much. He has studied the ground; he knows what he is about, and is not experimenting in a little-known field.

CHOLERA, FISHERIES AND SWAMPS.

The recurrence of cholera at populous centers, including some on routes of travel which reach Honolulu, should bring to the serious attention of our people the question of harbor and reef fisheries and that of the drainage of municipal swamps. There has been one epidemic of cholera here and one sporadic visitation; and in tracing the disease to its local source, some facts of moment were learned. One was that the germs of cholera found their way into the waters of the harbor from visiting ships, affecting crabs, which, when caught and eaten, transmitted the fatal sickness to human beings; the other was, that cholera occurring on the banks of small streams and swampy land, quickly infected the water, spreading germs over a wide area. Thus, when a case occurred in 1895, near the place where the road starts up to Alewa Heights, not only was the brook poisoned by the washing of the patient's clothes, but the taro or rice ponds below yielded swarms of cholera germs. We believe that nearly all cases during the epidemic of 1895 occurred close to watercourses of some kind, usually the more dirty or stagnant ones.

It is, of course, easy to handle the question of shellfish. When the River street case of cholera occurred here a year or more ago, the sale of crustaceans was stopped. It would be easy, on occasion, to clear the neighborhood of the harbor of all private fishermen; but the drainage of swampy land is a more complex and difficult subject, involving two of the food industries of the people and suggesting an insurmountable bill of costs to the Territory or the county. The Waikiki reclamation scheme alone has shown itself to be beyond the reach of local public enterprise. It is a matter for Congress; and, in our opinion, one of the first efforts of Hawaii's Delegate at the next session should be to convince that body of the need of including Honolulu's great swamp in a tidal reclamation project. That dismal sink, reeking with decay of vegetation, might easily become a cholera farm, to say nothing of its malarial and yellow fever possibilities. Common sanitary prudence suggests that a wide canal should be carried from the sea into this tract, so that the place may be flushed every twenty-four hours; and surely the safety of this crossroads port and of the growing military establishment here would seem to justify and call for a Federal appropriation.

The gift of a mantelpiece to Mark Twain and of a koa table to Gorham Gilman shows that Hawaii doesn't easily forget its old friends. After the fourth of next March, the gratitude of the Territory might well find expression in some such gift to Mr. Roosevelt for the adornment of his home. Probably no other man has been so helpful to Hawaii as he. It was the President's personal intervention, as Admiral Hillyday pointed out in his Pearl Harbor speech, which saved the naval station bill when the committee in charge had decided to table it; and to his interest in the welfare of these Islands many other good things are due.

The cable says that when Bryan and Taft met at the Chicago banquet they greeted each other cordially. People who expected Taft to try for a stranglehold and bite in the clinches and who looked to Bryan to jiu-jitsu the big man must be having the blues today.

There are names which crop up in the local political news every two years that are never heard of between-times, excepting when they get casual entry on the police blotter.

If Bryan gets his party well organized now, he will have it in fine tactical position for his campaign of 1912.

Might as well call them the Balking mountains.

FINANCES OF THE COUNTY

Treasurer's report for the month of September of receipts and disbursements:

Receipts.	
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1908.	\$84,173.08
From excavator department	111.30
From garbage department	687.05
From hunting license fees	70.00
From police realizations	13.00
From Territory of Hawaii	36,000.00

Total receipts.....\$121,054.43

Disbursements.	
Attorney's office	\$ 1,291.80
Auditor's office	275.00
Clerk's office	506.00
Ewa road district	2,121.36
Engineer's department	353.05
Electric light department	4,302.48
Fire department	4,480.82
Garbage department	1,159.62
Hawaiian band	1,245.00
Kapiolani Park	697.38
Keepers of parks	202.50
Koolauloa road district	587.50
Koolapoko road district	2,629.42
Police department	7,337.09
Police and fire alarm	247.55
Poundmaster	36.00
Road department	15,422.46
Sheriff and deputies	895.00
Treasurer's office	126.75
Waianae road district	393.00
Waialua road district	1,851.26
Coroner's fees	56.00
County office rent	300.00
Election expense	163.00
Leahi Home	125.00
Salary of Supervisors	362.50
Witness fees	9.00

Total disbursements .. \$47,177.44

Balance cash on hand September 30, 1908.....\$73,876.99

Road Tax Fund.

Honolulu	\$ 8,475.38
Ewa and Waianae	5,302.22
Waialua	2,794.56
Koolauloa	1,304.48
Koolapoko	543.35
Outstanding warrants	1.40

Total\$18,421.37

MARINES FINISH THE RIFLE RANGE WORK

Lieutenant Fay, U. S. M. C., and the detachment of marines stationed at Camp Very, will today conclude their two months' shooting on the Fort Shafter rifle range. The marines have shown up very well and about twenty of them have qualified for rating as marksmen-sharpshooters, etc. Lieut. Fay has worked hard with the men and the showing made is satisfactory to the station.

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3x5 feet; were \$4.50, now \$3.25.
3x3 feet; were \$3.50, now \$2.40.
7x9 feet; were \$16, now \$10.
9x12 feet; were \$20, now \$15.

8x4 Table Covers; were \$1.75, now \$1.25.
8x4 Table Covers; were \$3, now \$2.
6x4 Velour Covers; were \$3, now \$1.50.

6x4 Velour Covers; were \$4, now \$2.50.
Couch Covers reduced from \$2.75 to \$2.

Couch Covers reduced from \$4 to \$2.50.
Couch Covers reduced from \$5 to \$4.
Couch Covers reduced from \$6.50 to \$5.

Rope Portieres; were \$3, now \$2.25.
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Tapestry Portieres; were \$5, now \$4.

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